if we are not going to restrict the purchase of articles from State people. The people from whom these articles were purchased were the direct importers of Norwegian Stoves and their prices were the cheapest and hence I indented.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—How many firms ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Half a dozen.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—In Madras.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Some in Madras and others in Bombay.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Did the C. M. and S. O. consult local firms?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes; their prices were higher.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether Cinchona is manufactured in Madras ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes, it is.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know why tenders were not called for ?

Dr. D Raghavendra Rao.—Because the Madras Government factory is the cheapest.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—How did the C. M. and S. O. know that it is the cheapest ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is the Madras Government factory. It takes only the cost price. They have been the quinine producers and we have been purchasing from them.

Cases—Prosecuting Inspectors.

371. Mr. C. A. Ouseph—Will the Government be pleased to place a statement on the table showing the number of cases the Prosecuting Inspectors of the Northern and Southern Divisions respectively were in charge of on the 1st of Chingam 1107 and on 30th Thulam 1107?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—A statement is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the appendix shows that there is no scope for two Prosecuting Inspectors?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—For the information of the House I may say that Government have passed orders saying that as an experiment it may be tried with one officer.

Traffic control.

372. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that at present there is a sort of 'dyarchy' in traffic control and that such dyarchy militates against efficient control?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know under whom is the Traffic Inspector,—the direct supervisor ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The Commissioner of Police.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the regular Police Division Inspector and the men under him have anything to do with the traffic ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, they have. They have to control the traffic.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I to understand that both the traffic staff and the regular Police have to look after the control of traffic ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I not right in saying that there is a dyarchy in traffic control ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—You are not right.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know how ? There is a traffic staff directly under the Commissioner and there are the D. S. P. and his staff independently working.

President.—No argument is allowed. Only direct questions.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—There is absolutely no argument. May I know whether the regular Police under the D. S. P. collaborates with the other at any time in their work ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—They rather supplement each other.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know who charges the cases detected by the Traffic Inspector and his staff ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Cases detected by the Divisional Police will be charged by both and serious cases detected by the Traffic staff will be handed over to the station concerned by the police and they will be charged.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Who controls the traffic in towns, whether the traffic staff or the Divisional Police ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Both combined.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know how the combination is effected ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not know what the Hon'ble Member means.

373. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend placing traffic control under the direct supervision of the D. S. Ps.?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon—The matter will be considered.

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